I. AMENDMENTS

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In the claims:

Please cancel claims 16 and 37 without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

17. (Amended) The single compound of claim 39, wherein:

R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, carboxy, and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$ and (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle.

18. (Amended) The single compound of claim 39, wherein:

R^1, R^2, and R^4 are each a hydrogen atom and R^3 is selected from the group consisting of halo, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, carboxy, and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$ and (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the

group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle.

19. (Amended) The single compound of claim 36, wherein:

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl and C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl.

20. (Amended) The single compound of claim 39, wherein:

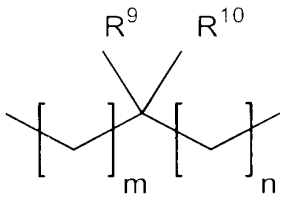
R^6 is the formula:

-D-W-E-

wherein:

W is absent or selected from the group consisting of phenylene, substituted phenylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene and C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene; and

D, which is directly attached to the nitrogen depicted in the formula, and E, which can be absent, are, independently, selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkylene, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylene, -NH- and the formula:



wherein:

R^9 and R^{10} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl; and m and n are, independently, 0, 1 or 2.

21. (Amended) The single compound of claim 39, wherein:

$R^{'}$ and $R^{''}$ are each a hydrogen atom.

22. (Amended) The single compound of claim 36, wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^4 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, carboxy, and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$ and (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of a C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, carboxy, and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$ and (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle and substituted heterocycle;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to

C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl and C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl;

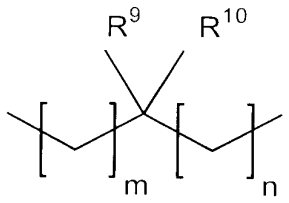
R^6 is the formula:

-D-W-E-

wherein:

W is absent or selected from the group consisting of phenylene, substituted phenylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene and C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene; and

D, which is directly attached to the nitrogen depicted in the formula, and E, which can be absent, are, independently, selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkylene, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylene, -NH- and the formula:



wherein:

R^9 and R^{10} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl; and m and n are independently 0, 1 or 2; and

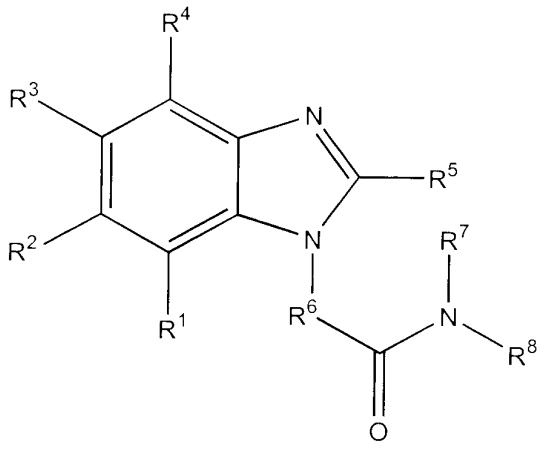
R^7 and R^8 are each a hydrogen atom.

23. (Amended) The single compound of claim 36, wherein R^6 is methylene, R^1, R^2 and R^4 are each a hydrogen atom and R^3 is the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$.

24. (Amended) The single compound of claim 36, wherein R^6 is methylene, R^1, R^2 and R^4 are each a hydrogen atom and R^3 is the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} is a heterocyclic ring or substituted heterocyclic ring, wherein said ring contains at least one nitrogen atom and wherein said nitrogen atom is attached to the carbonyl carbon.

25. (Amended) The single compound of claim 36, wherein R^6 is not methylene.

36. (Amended)) A single compound of the formula:



wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^4 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl, protected hydroxymethyl, protected amino,

(monosubstituted)amino, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{10} alkylamino, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylamino, carboxamide, protected carboxamide, C_1 to C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfoxide, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfoxide, phenylthio, substituted phenylthio, phenylsulfoxide, substituted phenylsulfoxide, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, (iii) the formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (iv) the formula $-SR^{11}$, (v) the formula $-OR^{11}$ and (vi) the formula $-C(O)OR^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminocarbonyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl,

C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl, protected hydroxymethyl, protected amino, (monosubstituted)amino, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{10} alkylamino, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylamino, carboxamide, protected carboxamide, C_1 to C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfoxide, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfoxide, phenylthio, substituted phenylthio, phenylsulfoxide, substituted phenylsulfoxide, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, (iii) the formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (iv) the formula $-SR^{11}$, (v) the formula $-OR^{11}$ and (vi) the formula $-C(O)OR^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, phenylsulfonyl, substituted

phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminocarbonyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, carboxy, protected carboxy, cyano, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxycarbonyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl;

R^6 is the formula:

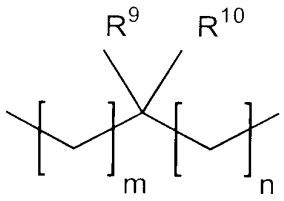
-D-W-E-

wherein:

W is absent or selected from the group consisting of phenylene, substituted phenylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, arylene, substituted arylene,

heterocyclene, substituted heterocyclene, heteroarylene and substituted heteroarylene;

and D, which is directly attached to the nitrogen depicted in the formula, and E, which can be absent, are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkynylene, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkylene, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkylene, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkylene and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkylene, -NH- and the formula:



wherein R^9 and R^{10} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted

alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, a heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkoxy, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkoxy, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl and protected hydroxymethyl; and m and n are, independently, 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

R^7 and R^8 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a functionalized resin, a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to

C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, substituted phenylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminothiocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminothiocarbonyl, phenylaminothiocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminothiocarbonyl;

provided that, where R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$; or

provided that, where R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} is a heterocyclic ring or substituted heterocyclic ring, wherein said ring contains at least one nitrogen atom and wherein said nitrogen atom is attached to the carbonyl carbon; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound thereof.

31. (Amended) A method of preparing the single compound of claim 36, comprising:

(a) coupling a first compound having a substituent of the formula -NH-C(O)-variable group-NH_2 with a benzene compound that is substituted with a nitro group and a halo group in an ortho relationship on the benzene ring, the benzene compound optionally substituted with a variable group at one or more of the remaining 4 positions of the benzene ring, resulting in a benzene compound substituted with a nitro group and a monosubstituted amino group in an ortho relationship on the benzene ring;

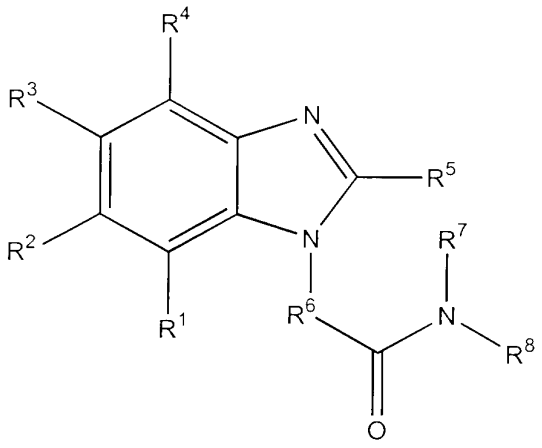
(b) reducing the nitro group of the benzene compound resulting from step (a); and

(c) coupling the compound resulting from step (b) with an aldehyde compound, resulting in a benzimidazole derivative compound.

35. (Amended) The single compound of claim 39, wherein R^4 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene.

Please add the following claims:

42. (New) A single compound of the formula:



wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^4 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl,

cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl, protected hydroxymethyl, protected amino, (monosubstituted)amino, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{10} alkylamino, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylamino, carboxamide, protected carboxamide, C_1 to C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfoxide, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfoxide, phenylthio, substituted phenylthio, phenylsulfoxide, substituted phenylsulfoxide, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, (iii) the formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (iv) the formula $-SR^{11}$, (v) the formula $-OR^{11}$ and (vi) the formula $-C(O)OR^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminocarbonyl;

R^3 is selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl, protected hydroxymethyl, protected amino, (monosubstituted)amino, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{10} alkylamino, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylamino, carboxamide, protected carboxamide, C_1 to C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfoxide, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfoxide, phenylthio, substituted phenylthio, phenylsulfoxide, substituted phenylsulfoxide, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, (iii) the formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (iv) the formula $-SR^{11}$, (v) the formula $-OR^{11}$ and (vi) the formula $-C(O)OR^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, phenyl,

substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminocarbonyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, carboxy, protected carboxy, cyano, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxycarbonyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl;

R^6 is the formula:

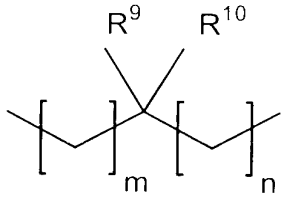
-D-W-E-

wherein:

zero, one or two of D, W and E can be absent;

W, if present, is selected from the group consisting of phenylene, substituted phenylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, arylene, substituted arylene, heterocyclene, substituted heterocyclene, heteroarylene and substituted heteroarylene;

and D, which is directly attached to the nitrogen depicted in the formula, if present and E, if present, are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkynylene, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkylene, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkylene, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkylene and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkylene, -NH- and the formula:



wherein R^9 and R^{10} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, a heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkoxy, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkoxy, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl and protected hydroxymethyl; and m and n are, independently, 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

R^7 and R^8 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a functionalized resin, a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, substituted phenylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminothiocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminothiocarbonyl, phenylaminothiocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminothiocarbonyl; or

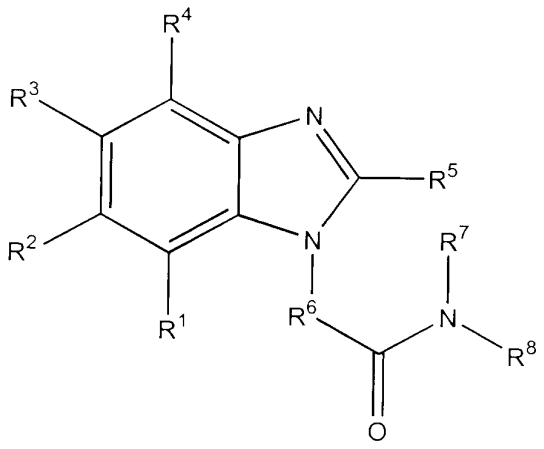
a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound thereof.

43. (New) The single compound of claim 42, wherein:

where R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$; or

where R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} is a heterocyclic ring or substituted heterocyclic ring, wherein said ring contains at least one nitrogen atom and wherein said nitrogen atom is attached to the carbonyl carbon.

44. (New) A single compound of the formula:



wherein:

R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, halo, hydroxy, protected hydroxy, cyano, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyloxy, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl, protected hydroxymethyl, protected amino,

(monosubstituted)amino, protected (monosubstituted)amino, (disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{10} alkylamino, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylamino, carboxamide, protected carboxamide, C_1 to C_{10} alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylthio, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfoxide, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfoxide, phenylthio, substituted phenylthio, phenylsulfoxide, substituted phenylsulfoxide, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl and the group consisting of (i) the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, (ii) the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, (iii) the formula $-NR^{11}R^{12}$, (iv) the formula $-SR^{11}$, (v) the formula $-OR^{11}$ and (vi) the formula $-C(O)OR^{11}$, wherein R^{11} and R^{12} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminocarbonyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of phenyl, substituted phenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, carboxy, protected carboxy, protected (monosubstituted)amino,

(disubstituted)amino, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkoxycarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkoxycarbonyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl and C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl;

R^6 is the formula:

-D-W-E-

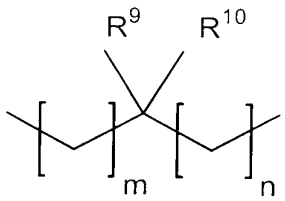
wherein:

zero, one or two of D, W, and E can be absent;

W, if present, is selected from the group consisting of phenylene, substituted phenylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, arylene, substituted arylene, heterocyclene, substituted heterocyclene, heteroarylene and substituted heteroarylene;

and D, which is directly attached to the nitrogen depicted in the formula, if present, and E, if present, are independently selected from the group consisting of C_1 to C_{12} alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} alkynylene, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted

alkenylene, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynylene, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkylene, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkylene, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenylene, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenylene, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkylene, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkylene, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkylene and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkylene, -NH- and the formula:



wherein R^9 and R^{10} are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkynyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, a heterocyclic ring, substituted heterocyclic ring, heteroaryl, substituted heteroaryl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted

heterocycloalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkoxy, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkoxy, phenyl, substituted phenyl, naphthyl, substituted naphthyl, cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 alkylene, cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, substituted cyclic C_2 to C_7 heteroalkylene, carboxy, protected carboxy, hydroxymethyl and protected hydroxymethyl; and m and n are, independently, 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4; and

R^7 and R^8 are, independently, selected from the group consisting of a functionalized resin, a hydrogen atom, C_1 to C_{12} alkyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkyl, phenyl, substituted phenyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, C_3 to C_7 cycloalkyl, C_3 to C_7 substituted cycloalkyl, C_5 to C_7 cycloalkenyl, C_5 to C_7 substituted cycloalkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} alkenyl, C_2 to C_{12} substituted alkenyl, C_7 to C_{18} phenylalkyl, C_7 to C_{18} substituted phenylalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} heterocycloalkyl and C_1 to C_{12} substituted heterocycloalkyl, C_1 to C_{12} acyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted acyl, phenylsulfonyl, substituted phenylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{10} substituted alkylsulfonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminocarbonyl, phenylaminocarbonyl, substituted phenylaminocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} alkylaminothiocarbonyl, C_1 to C_{12} substituted alkylaminothiocarbonyl, phenylaminothiocarbonyl and substituted phenylaminothiocarbonyl; or

a pharmaceutically acceptable salt of a compound thereof.

45. (New) The single compound of claim 44, wherein:

if R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$; or

if R^6 is methylene, at least one of R^1 to R^4 must be the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} is a heterocyclic ring or substituted heterocyclic ring, wherein said ring contains at least one nitrogen atom and wherein said nitrogen atom is attached to the carbonyl carbon.

46. (New) The single compound of claim 44, wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^4 are each a hydrogen atom and R^3 is the formula $-C(O)NR^{11}R^{12}$, wherein R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, methyl, ethyl and benzyl and R^{12} is selected from the group consisting of a hydrogen atom, 2-(2-methoxyphenyl)ethyl, (1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidino)methyl, pyridin-2-ymethyl, 2-methyl-5-chlorophenyl, (2-(pyridin-2-yl)ethyl), 1-ethyl-2-pyrrolidinylmethyl, 3,3,5-trimethylcyclohexyl, 3,4-methylenedioxyphenyl, 3-(trifluoromethyl)benzyl, pyridin-4-ylmethyl, 6-indazolyl, 2-(ethoxylcarbonyl)ethyl, cyclooctyl, cyclopropyl, benzyl, N,N-(diethylamino)ethyl, 3-(2-oxo-1-pyrrolidine)propyl, 3-(4-morpholino)propyl, (ethoxylcarbonyl)methyl and cyclohexyl;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of phenoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl,

3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 4-acetamidophenyl,
4-phenoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyl-1-naphthyl, 4-bromo-2-thienyl,
4-pyridyl, isopropyl, 2-methylthioethyl,
4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 4-t-butylphenyl,
2,3-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl,
2,5-difluorophenyl, 2-quinolyl,
2-chloro-3,4-dimethoxylphenyl, 5-methyl-2-furyl,
4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl,
2-phenyl-4-imidazolyl, 2-(ethoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl,
5-nitro-2-furyl, 4-bromophenyl, cyclopropyl,
2-norbornen-5-yl, 6-nitropiperonyl, 2-chloro-5-nitrophenyl,
5-hydroxy-2-nitrophenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl,
3,4-difluorophenyl, 4-dimethylaminophenyl,
4-methylthiophenyl, 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 2-thienyl,
2,3-dimethoxyphenyl, 3-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl,
4-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 2-furyl, 4-nitrophenyl,
1-napthyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 4-isopropylphenyl, piperonyl,
2-fluorophenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl and 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of methylene,
ethylidene, ethylene, propylene, pentylene, isopentylidene,
3-aminocarbonylbutylidene, 2-methylthiopropylidene,
isobutylidene, phenylmethylene, benzylmethylene,
cyclohexylethylidene, 4-chlorobenzylmethylene,
indol-3-ylethylidene, 4-trifluoroacetamidopentylidene,
3-guanidobutylidene, hydroxyethylidene,
2-aminocarbonylpropylidene, isopentylidene,
mercaptoethylidene, 4-hydroxybenzylmethylene,
1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene, 1,4-(phenylene)-NH-,

3,6-dioxaoctylene-NH-, $-CH_2CH_2NH-$ and
1,4-(cyclohexylene)-NH-;

and

R^7 and R^8 are each a hydrogen atom.

47. (New) The single compound of claim 44, wherein:

R^1, R^2 and R^4 are each a hydrogen atom and R^3 is the formula $-C(O)R^{11}$, wherein R^{11} is selected from the group consisting of 1,3,3-trimethyl-6-aza-6-bicyclo(3,2,1)octyl, 4-(4-fluorophenyl)-1-piperazino, 4-acetyl-1-piperazino, piperazino, 2-methyl-4-(3-methylphenyl)-1-piperazino, 4-(ethoxycarbonyl)piperidino, N-methylhomopiperazino and N,N'-diisopropylimidamino;

R^5 is selected from the group consisting of phenoxyphenyl, 4-hydroxy-3-methoxyphenyl, 3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl, 3-hydroxy-4-methoxyphenyl, 4-acetamidophenyl, 4-phenoxyphenyl, 4-methoxyl-1-naphthyl, 4-bromo-2-thienyl, 4-pyridyl, isopropyl, 2-methylthioethyl, 4-chloro-3-nitrophenyl, 3-nitrophenyl, 4-t-butylphenyl, 2,3-dichlorophenyl, 3,5-bis(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 2,5-difluorophenyl, 2-quinolyl, 2-chloro-3,4-dimethoxylphenyl, 5-methyl-2-furyl, 4-chloro-3-fluorophenyl, 2-phenyl-4-imidazolyl, 2-(ethoxycarbonyl)cyclopropyl, 5-nitro-2-furyl, 4-bromophenyl, cyclopropyl, 2-norbornen-5-yl, 6-nitropiperonyl, 2-chloro-5-nitrophenyl,

5-hydroxy-2-nitrophenyl, 3-hydroxyphenyl,
3,4-difluorophenyl, 4-dimethylaminophenyl,
4-methylthiophenyl, 4-(trifluoromethyl)phenyl, 2-thienyl,
2,3-dimethoxyphenyl, 3-ethoxy-4-hydroxyphenyl,
4-cyanophenyl, 3-cyanophenyl, 2-furyl, 4-nitrophenyl,
1-napthyl, 2-methoxyphenyl, 4-isopropylphenyl, piperonyl,
2-fluorophenyl, 4-ethoxyphenyl and 2,4-dihydroxyphenyl;

R^6 is selected from the group consisting of methylene,
ethylidene, ethylene, propylene, pentylene, isopentylidene,
3-aminocarbonylbutylidene, 2-methylthiopropylidene,
isobutylidene, phenylmethylene, benzylmethylene,
cyclohexylethylidene, 4-chlorobenzylmethylene,
indol-3-ylethylidene, 4-trifluoroacetamidopentylidene,
3-guanidobutylidene, hydroxyethylidene,
2-aminocarbonylpropylidene, isopentylidene,
mercaptoethylidene, 4-hydroxybenzylmethylene,
1,3-phenylene, 1,4-phenylene, 1,4-(phenylene)-NH-,
3,6-dioxaoctylene-NH-, $-CH_2CH_2NH-$ and
1,4-(cyclohexylene)-NH-;

and

R^7 and R^8 are each a hydrogen atom.

48. (New) A method of preparing the single compound of claim 39, comprising:

(a) coupling a first compound having a substituent of the formula -NH-C(O)-variable group-NH_2 with a benzene compound

that is substituted with a nitro group and a halo group in an ortho relationship on the benzene ring, the benzene compound optionally substituted with a variable group at one or more of the remaining 4 positions of the benzene ring, resulting in a benzene compound substituted with a nitro group and a monosubstituted amino group in an ortho relationship on the benzene ring;

(b) reducing the nitro group of the benzene compound resulting from step (a); and

(c) coupling the compound resulting from step (b) with an aldehyde compound, resulting in a benzimidazole derivative compound.